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Minister vows to fight for farmers

Andy Mitchell drops
by Haliburton to talk
to Farm Council

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

If Canada's agriculture industry is to survive, the Canadian government must help to create an environment that allows farmers to earn a living from their labours, the federal Minister of Agriculture told a receptive group of local farmers in Haliburton on Friday.

"If people can't earn a living they won't farm, and if they won't farm we'll have great difficulties," Andy Mitchell said at a special meeting of the Haliburton/Kawartha Lakes/Brock Farm Council spearheaded by MP Barry Devolin.

Yet Mitchell also stressed that you don't make rural Canada stronger by ignoring the needs and challenges of the country's urban centres.

"If Canada is to reach its potential, both rural and urban needs to be strong," he said.

Responding to criticism that the Liberal government's recent budget made only one reference to agriculture, Mitchell said, "As Minister of Agriculture, I'm the advocate for you folks. I don't necessarily win all the battles [but] I'll always be there, engaging in whatever battle needs to be waged. Rural Canada contributes significantly to what we are as a country."

Mitchell's message was gladly received by farmers such as Bruce Pearce, who has a cash crop farm near Sunderland. Earlier that day Pearce was carefully watching the stock prices for soybeans. When the price was right, he sold the yield from 719 acres for a profit of \$634. If he had sold two weeks ago, he

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Provincial championships come to town

This team from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School - Madison MacInnes Bailey, Tom Nichol, Jonathan Murray and Shane Dibblee - was one of 55 teams to compete in the Timbits provincial junior curling championships in Haliburton and Wilberforce over the weekend. Another JDHES team made it to the finals. See details on page 13.

Christian school looking for students

TRUDY POGUE

Special to The Echo

A small group of local parents is looking for 20 young people to be "oaks of righteousness." These students will be the first to attend Tall Oaks Christian Academy, which is planned to launch

this September in Haliburton.

The name of this new Christian school comes from Isaiah 61:3b of the Bible: "They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendour."

Its mission statement is "To prepare, educate and grow students into a per-

sonal relationship with Jesus Christ, so that they choose to live in obedience to God's commands, thus developing a life of integrity that is committed to acts of service in Christ's name."

Tall Oaks Christian Academy is an initiative of Put The Word Into Action

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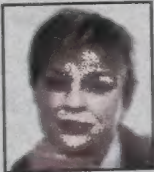
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The Highlands East Fire Department assisted with the treatment and transportation of the injured man out of the bush.

The driver was charged with careless driving under the provisions of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act.

Home entered

On February 25 were called to a house on Larch Street in Cardiff. The residence had been entered through a basement window some time during the three days prior when the owner was away. The following items were reported stolen: 10K gold engagement ring with three diamonds - smaller diamond on either side of a larger diamond, JVC camcorder in a black bag, assorted DVD movies, a machete in brown sheath with "Honduras" printed on sheath, and a package of Hot Pockets. Anyone with any information about this residential break in is encouraged to call Bancroft OPP at (613) 332-2112 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Accidents with deer

Officers from the Bancroft Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to four reports of deer having been struck by vehicles during the past weekend. None of these collisions resulted in injuries to any vehicle occupants. Two of these accidents occurred at dawn, and two occurred at dusk.



DARREN LUM/Echo

A King does what?

Stuart Baker Elementary School Librarian Jim Hopkins gives chess pointers to Grade 1 students Cody Williams and Natalie Griffin. Every week there are 90 students from Grades 1 - 3 who participate in the instructional chess program during recess. Teacher Rob Howitt also volunteers.

Charges laid in Haliburton business break-ins

A 29-year-old Toronto man has been charged with breaking into Haliburton Jug City and the Duke of Dysart on January 29.

Police also recovered 104 rental DVDs, hygiene products and clothing that were stolen during the break and enters.

The investigation was by the OPP Rural and

Agricultural Crime Team and officers for the Minden OPP detachment.

The accused was held in custody on February 10 and has been charged with two counts of break and enter, one count of possession of stolen property and breach of probation.

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New equipment on its way to health services

LANCE CROSSLEY
Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has received a \$350,000 financial boost from the Ministry of Health to help upgrade and modernize its medical equipment.

The money is part of the Diagnostic and Medical Equipment Fund, a government initiative that provides capital for everything from high technology machines and diagnostic equipment to devices that improve the quality of patient care, such as lifting devices.

In an effort to address the specific needs of the various jurisdictions, health institutions like HHHS are given flexibility in terms of choosing what equipment investments are of the utmost importance. However, HHHS will have their work cut out for them during the next month because the government needs to see the money spent by the end of March.

"It would be nice to have a little more time to plan this thing out a bit but we won't say no to [the funding]," says Dick Charron, chairman of the health services board. "This seems to happen every year toward the end of the fiscal term, so Cathy [Outram, the chief financial officer] and the other staff have been through this before and they can certainly move quickly. And usually the suppliers we deal with are very good with getting invoices in as soon as possible, so we'll be able to do it within the month."

The hospital will receive \$249,300 of the cash injection. The remaining funds will be allotted to Hyland Crest (\$70,577) and Highland Wood (\$32,039) long-term care facilities. Part of the money distributed to the long-term care facilities was already announced a few weeks ago and has been designated for the purchase of patient lift equipment and even a new spa tub for the Minden facility.

"The long-term care funding was very important because we tend to run a bit of a deficit in that department. So any extra money we can get for long-term care really helps us," says Charron.

Though not confirmed, possible hospital investments may include such things as "Point of Care" testing equipment, which would enable tests to be examined on-site, making for a speedier diagnosis.

The goal of the fund is to reduce waiting times by making diagnostic and treatment services more readily available for patients, thereby leading to earlier detection, diagnosis, and treatment. It also aims to improve morale in the workplace.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Warden Jim McMahon, right, presents a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Haliburton County to Haliburton Rotary Club President Bob Nichol and Minden Rotary Club President Bill Obee during the clubs' celebration of the 100th anniversary of Rotary International at Delta Pinestone on Wednesday night.

Haliburton and Minden Rotarians celebrate a century of service

The Rotary Clubs of Haliburton and Minden celebrated rotary's 100 years of civic service during a special dinner, Wednesday, February 23, at the Delta Pinestone.

Among special guest who addressed the Rotarians, past Rotarians and their spouses, were former MPP Chris Hodgson, Jim McMahon, Warden Haliburton County, and Ross Rigney, Reeve of Minden Hills.

There was also a presentation from a recent Group Study Exchange member, Sheryl Loucks who visited Siberia on behalf of the Rotary Club of Haliburton.

Katharina Heilen, the Haliburton



Former MPP Chris Hodgson.

Clubs' current exchange student from Germany gave a brief glimpse into life in Cologne, Germany and even supplied small bottles of cologne from her hometown.

A special award, the Paul Harris Fellowship, was made to Haliburton Rotarians Brian and Dorothy Black for their significant contribution over the

years to Snowarama.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and help to build goodwill and peace in the world.

Paul P. Harris formed the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, on February 23, 1905. The name Rotary is derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among members' offices.

Today there are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members of more than 30,000 Rotary clubs in 164 countries.

Public's opinion sought on Frost Centre

Meetings will be held in Dorset on March 19 and 22

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

The Frost Centre Working Committee's consultant, David Gibson, has been working with the Queen's School of Business on a set of questions to put to the public and on a format for two upcoming public consultation meetings.

The committee is also working with Ontario Realty Corporation on appropriate questions to ask the public.

The committee has agreed to focus on finding out what people value, what they think of the committee's terms of refer-

ence and what the public would prefer to see happen with the former Frost Centre.

The meeting will also be a means to explain what the committee has been working on and to clarify misconceptions. For instance, the 24,000 hectares of Crown land are not being sold, only the 40 acres on which the former Ministry of Natural Resources training facility is located at the shore of St. Nora's Lake.

A public meeting will be held on March 19 from 9:30 to noon at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The committee decided a Saturday meeting would be easier for cottagers to attend.

There is a second meeting on March 22

from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dorset centre.

The committee asks people to read over the background material, available March 12, at www.haliburtoncounty.ca before attending the meeting. A survey will also be available at www.haliburtoncounty.ca or for pick-up through the Haliburton County office.

Gibson says using the Queen's group as a facilitator is cost-effective and they will be able to tabulate results quickly through using electronics to provide a quick report back to the committee.

If planning to attend a public information meeting, please let Angela Balle at the county office know, 286-1333.

Dysart has new waste management group in the works

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

A proposal put forth by Ann Maher to institute a formalized waste management committee for the municipality of Dysart et al looks promising.

Maier made her case to council members at their Feb. 14 meeting and expects to officially hear back from Reeve Murray Fearrey within a few weeks.

"The beauty of Haliburton County is a legacy we owe to future generations: our grandchildren and great grandchildren. The responsibility for doing the right thing rests with us," Maier told council.

The committee would be composed of council members, a staff employee, and members of the public, and would make direct recommendations to council on how to improve waste management practices.

"The first thing we have to recognize is that we can do a lot better," said Reeve Fearrey. "That's fair to say and [Maier]

is right about that. I think a waste management committee is not an unreasonable thing. Algonquin Highlands has had one for some time and I hear it works well."

Maier acknowledged that the township has made reasonable strides in progressing toward the 60 per cent diversion rate mandated by the Ontario government, but says the "thoughtless dumping of recyclable material with the household garbage must be stopped."

In her presentation, Maier beseeched council to make recycling mandatory, as it is already in Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands. The new bylaw would establish clear rules for the disposal of solid waste and would be enforced in accordance with the Provincial Offences Act.

"We recognize that a bylaw change alone will not solve the problem overnight," said Maier. "The aim is to make recycling so easy and automatic that it becomes a natural part of every-



Ann Maier and waste management advocate Bruce Bozec are hoping council approves her idea for implementing an official waste management committee.

day life. Today most of us would not think of throwing garbage out the car window but we all remember a time when we did that very thing without thinking of the consequences."

Reeve Fearrey made it clear to Maier that he would want to see an education campaign throughout the municipality, informing the public as to what is

expected of them before making anything mandatory.

"I'm still a stickler on telling people what you're going to do before you start passing bylaws," said Fearrey. "I'd like to have a bylaw that has some merit."

Maier is hoping the new bylaw can be launched on April 22 in order to coincide with Earth Day.

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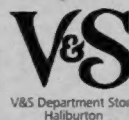


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Students would work at their own pace at Tall Oaks

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Ministries, a local evangelical mission organization. Executive Director Sandy Stevens has had a vision for a Christian school in Haliburton County for quite some time. She did some initial research seven or eight years ago but discovered that there were "not a lot of green lights" and put the idea on the back burner. In March of 2004, Stevens had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Ecuador and while sitting with orphan children using the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) curriculum in Spanish, "it stirred in my heart again," she says.

About five weeks later, Judy McKay asked Stevens to consider taking over the PTWIA ministry and suddenly a door was opened. By the end of April 2004, a new board had been formed and in May a steering committee began researching the feasibility of a Christian school in the county.

The committee visited two nearby Christian schools that are already using the ACE curriculum, one in Peterborough and the other in Maynooth. They feel that ACE provides an excellent, structured, consistent, goal-oriented and cost-effective learning environment. ACE has been around for more than 30 years and more than 170 schools in Canada are using the program.

The focus is on students rather than teachers, and on ability rather than age. Individual students work at their own pace, which just happens to be the name of the units they work on; conventional textbooks have been broken up into PACEs. Each PACE begins with the student reciting his/her goals, a Bible verse, and a related character trait. By knowing what is expected of them, the students are taking responsibility for their own learning.

A checklist determines weak areas,

TRUDY POGUE/Special to The Echo



Pam Forbes, Vicki Colicchia, Sandy Stevens and Deanna Wruth of the Tall Oaks Christian Academy launch committee are optimistic that they can find 20 students for the proposed school.



Joe Wurtz of ACE Canada was present to answer specific questions about the teaching program.

after which the student and teacher (called a supervisor) review the concepts. The student takes a practice test and, when ready, the final test. This individualization allows each student to master a topic before moving on. Stevens says students taught with the ACE curriculum have consistently scored significantly higher than their peers on Canadian Achievement Tests.

PTWIA did some fundraising and purchased the ACE contract for \$2,100. Stevens and Deanna Wruth were trained in August, 2004, as ACE princi-

pal administrators. They are each using the ACE material to home-school their 10-year-old sons, Joel (Stevens) and Jeremiah (Wruth).

Last fall, Stevens and Wruth travelled to Maynooth one day a week to volunteer at Word of Life Christian Academy where they witnessed two young boys who had been struggling with reading succeed with the ACE program.

The project has now moved into Phase 2 with Stevens, Wruth, Pam Forbes, Gord Forbes and Vicki Colicchia forming the new launch committee. The first information evening on Tall Oaks took place on February 10 at Lakeside Baptist Church. Attendees received a lot of information and had the opportunity to ask questions and review the PACE booklets. Joe Wurtz of ACE Canada was present to answer specific questions about the ACE program.

One member of the audience said that he has 10 children who were all ACE home-schooled testified to the excellence of the program.

When asked whether she had a specific location in mind, Stevens replied, "Jesus knows. He just hasn't told me yet."

The committee is hoping for a suitable low-cost location, preferably a church basement. They'd like a commitment from 10-12 families with a total of 20 children. The plan is to have three paid staff members: Stevens, another administrator/principal and a part-time primary teacher.

They hope to be able to offer the pro-

gram for less than \$4,000 per student a year. Specific discount rates for additional children and other pricing structures are still being considered. Tuition fees are based on the assumption that parents will assist with such duties as custodial work, office support, break supervision, classroom support and committee work. Parents will also be responsible for student uniforms (decision pending), basic school supplies, lunches and snacks, transportation and some field trip expenses.

The Cornerstone Fundraising Campaign hopes to raise \$30,000 by August to cover initial startup costs for such things as furniture and books. Four gift levels have been established: Supporters (gifts under \$2,000), Friends (\$2,000), Champions (\$3,000) and Founding Partners (\$5,000 or more). All gifts will be held in trust until the school launch is confirmed by the PTWIA Board of Directors. Ten per cent of all donations will go to PTWIA to support the parent ministry.

"I know that there's definite interest out there," says Stevens, who has received calls from people as far away as Orillia inquiring about the school.

"We're ready," she says, "but it's up to the Lord to make the way."

For more information about Tall Oaks Christian Academy, contact Sandy Stevens at 705-457-9163. For specific information about the ACE program, visit www.acecanada.net.

Parents raise concerns over bus policy

LANCE CROSSLEY

Staff Reporter

Parents and school representatives voiced their concerns over board policy pertaining to bus cancellations as the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Parent Council met with board trustee Valerie Smith at an emergency Feb. 24 meeting.

The meeting was in response to the Feb. 14 ice conditions that saw afternoon bus service delayed throughout the county, causing parents to wonder why service wasn't also cancelled in the morning as it was in neighbouring coun-

ties.

"There was a lot of discussion," says Marg Cox, Council chairperson. "Parents were very concerned that students safety be put first...but parents were very calm and reasoned, given how emotional this issue is for them."

Among the recommendations put forth was a request that a "weather watch" automatically lead to cancellations if bad weather is present in neighbouring jurisdictions. The morning of Feb. 14, Haliburton County was under a "weather watch", which does not imply cancellation, whereas Muskoka was experiencing freezing rain (which lead to their morning bus cancellations).

Council also recommended that the decision to run buses be made by a local board employee in cooperation with the operators input. In the present system, bus operation decisions for Haliburton County and Muskoka are ultimately made from the Bracebridge office.

Smith also informed council that the board is planning on implementing a policy that would mandate the cancellation of bus service in weather -35 degrees or colder. The cold weather issue was a concern raised by council at its Feb. 8th meeting when parents worried about children having to walk lengthy distances from the school bus to home in extreme cold.

Healthcare study

Over the next two months, Meredith Alexander and Lai Jeet Yeo, two third-year students in the Trent University-Fleming College School of Nursing will conduct a telephone survey to identify the health care needs and the gaps in existing services in Haliburton County.

The project is in collaboration with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and the U-Links Centre for Community Based Research.

Survey findings will assist HHHS in its strategic planning and ultimately help the corporation better serve health care needs. Support of this initiative is appreciated should you receive a call.

For details call Janice Hardy, Director of Long Term Care at 286-2140 ext. 230.

For Joseph

Every year, the *Echo* goes through the papers of the past 12 months and struggles to decide which stories to submit to the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's annual awards competition. In the Best Columnist category, this year we chose three of Steve Galea's *Walking Softly* columns in *County Life*. One was about eight eggs, the simple yet miraculous outcome of two ducks responding to an inner call to mate; another was about Steve's new puppy, Callie; and the third was

about fishing with his son Ryan.

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editorial

martha perkins

explained to his son on that beautiful summer day in the Highlands were the same that Steve's dad had passed on to him 35 years earlier. Past and present, there was no one else in the world that mattered more than father and son. A passerby might have seen only a middle-aged man and his son standing on the shores of a lake; to Steve it was one of those poignant moments that could, in its ephemeral essence, link the generations of Galeas together: his father's past and Steve's present; Ryan's present and some unborn child's future. The connection was palpable.

It was a beautifully written story. Tender, reflective and expertly woven together, the column is Steve at his best. It's also one of the reasons why we at the *Echo* shake our heads when Steve, in his other incarnation as our *Vinegar Hill* and *The Not-So-Great-Outdoorsman* humour columnist, is accused of being an insensitive sexist. Sure, his humour may be frozen in the sixth grade, but that's what makes him funny. He may push a few boundaries to make us laugh – it took him years to persuade us to allow a column about female fish that faked pleasure in, ahem, the act of procreation – but as a man, and as a father of a son and two girls, he is caring, decent and thoughtful. And he makes us laugh out loud; he's even earned a sixth grader's highest accolade of sometimes making us snort when we're drinking a cup of tea or coffee while reading his column.

A few weeks ago, however, readers of his *Vinegar Hill* column must have at least felt a lump in their throats when Steve wrote another column about his dad, Joe. After surviving the bombing of his home in Malta in the Second World War, three bouts of cancer, diabetes and heart by-pass surgery, Joe suffered a stroke. As his family slept in a darkened house on the top of Vinegar Hill, Steve sat at his computer and tried to overcome his fear and heartache by writing about what his father meant to him. The tribute was full of love. It didn't talk about all those things that an outsider would know about Joe's life: coming to Canada as an immigrant, building a successful life for his young family, retiring to the country – or, in Cobourg, the closest his wife wanted to get to the country – so he could have his garden and putter.

Last Thursday, Steve, his mother, brother and sister were at the Cobourg hospital when Joe died. It was one of those moments that makes us painfully aware that who we are has nothing to do with what we are. The body remains but the soul must find a new home.

One can have many regrets in life about things said and unsaid, done and not done, but at least Joe Galea died having tangible proof – Steve's columns – that he had earned the love and admiration of his son. He also knew that, once again, Steve is a finalist in the best columnist and best humour columnist competition, beating out writers from across the province. He might not have known that one of Steve's columns about him had convinced the judge that Steve was a master teller, but he probably didn't need someone to tell him that anyway. Peace to your soul, Joseph Galea.



View from the cenotaph: Highland Street.

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

A rose by any other name

Last winter, I sat at my fly-tying vise to tie one of my most deadly patterns – a sleek, silver-bodied, white buck tail streamer with pearlescent strands edging the top. It was a wonderful pattern that had accounted for hundreds, if not thousands, of fishing caps, sweaters, ear lobes, thumbs, and overhanging branches, not to mention several suspected fish sympathizers who threw themselves in front of my back cast. Oh sure, they acted like innocent bystanders, but it didn't take a genius to guess otherwise.

Anyhow, despite the obvious success of the design, I realized that the fly had remained nameless all these years. Through good times and bad, it had stood by my side, often in my side, as I faced each new fly fishing challenge with the unbridled optimism of someone who actually believed the illustrations in the book.

When they said that no man in his right mind would wade across The Pinball Rapids, that fly stood proudly with me when I rinsed out my waders and soiled undergarments on the other side. When they declared that only a fool would wear a wool sweater when bushwhacking to The Burdock Pool, that fly stuck with me until the rescue crews arrived. I only mention this to illustrate that, despite popular belief, a fly isn't just a sharp piece of metal embedded deep in the fleshy part of your hand. No, it's got life and character of its own.

That's why, as I tried to remove that tacky sharp hook from the vise, I realized that this was not just a fly; it was now part of me. Literally.

"Why are you wincing, Dad?" my son Ryan asked.

Later, after the doctor at emerg severed my close relationship with the fly, I decided it was high time to give it a name and make an honest woman out of it.

The problem, of course, is that not any name would do. It would have to be a moniker that did justice to the proud traditions of the fly and paid homage to the genius that created it. Naturally, it would have to be poetic yet

manly. Unfortunately, the Woolly Bugger and Egg-sucking Leech had already been taken.

"It looks like a pretty fairy," said my daughter. "Why not call it the Pretty Fairy?"

I just about swallowed my upper plate, which is no small trick since I don't have false teeth. I looked at Carmen furiously and ejected her from my office but not before making her swear never to repeat that cursed name.

The problem with a Nancy name like she suggested was

that no self-respecting angler would ever use it, no matter how many fish it caught. The fly and its creator would be doomed to obscurity.

So shaken was I by the idea that I never did get around to naming that fly until last spring. That's when I was at the headwaters of the local trout river with a few friends fishing for brook trout.

In one of those oddities of nature, I was the only one catching fish at all. They fell like drunks on a stair master to my white fly.

And don't think this wasn't noticed by my fellow anglers. They looked at me with green-eyed envy and finally asked the question, "What are you using?"

I held up my white streamer and soon they were there, wanting the few I had left.

"Sure," I said, smiling the smile of the resident authority.

"What's it called?" one fellow asked.

"The Pretty Fairy," I said with a wink.

You know that fly and I might be doomed to obscurity, but, after they handed them back to me, at least we caught fish.

the not so great



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Birthday bliss

When Cheryl arrived in the parking lot, it wasn't hard to find her friends. All she had to do was look beyond the crowd of snowmobilers bunched at one end to a gathering of bright colours and jostling bodies. There they were: women "of a certain age" dressed for warmth as well as style, their faces flushed as much with the excitement of the day as from the cold.

Their friend Marian was celebrating her fifty-something birthday and doing it with panache. Ten of them were about to pile into a horse-drawn sleigh for a ride around the countryside. After that they were off to Cheryl's house for plenty of good food, drink and conversation before finally heading home in their various directions.

The horses stamped the snow, eager to be off. With a creak of stiff harnesses, the sleigh lurched forward. Marian laughed as she grabbed hold of the wooden sides and the others echoed Cheryl's thoughts: they could not have had a more perfect day for their ride. Like the bow of a ship surging on the open sea, the massive animals moved forward through the landscape, their



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heads bobbing with their steps. Around them, immaculate snow stretched over open fields, gathered in mysterious evergreens or dipped into gulleys. Blue jays called through the clear air and the sky shone like a promise above the horizon.

An excited hand pointed to two young deer nibbling on a stand of cedars before high tailing down into a gully. Marian began singing and they all joined in, laughing over forgotten verses as they swayed with the horses' progress. Steam rose above their heads and it felt good to be alive. What better way to begin the celebration of a friend's birth?

Then it was back into their cars, faces tingling, feet calling for warmth. Some had to stop on the way to Cheryl's to first feed a dog here, a cat there or load more wood into a wood stove. And so they drifted into Cheryl's in dribs and drabs, hanging up coats and hats, placing boots where they'd be easy to retrieve later.

It was a house with which they were all familiar and very comfortable. For Marian, it was almost a home away from home; a welcome weekend refuge from a career-driven life in the city. Spacious yet cozy, it sat on a small hill surrounded by bush and was a frequent meeting place for the motley crew of women now gathering there.

Cats came and went throughout the rooms, expecting and receiving their just attention. Fires crackled, kettles and pots whistled and corks popped. Some sat in the living room chatting over wine, others in the family room snacked from trays of food and still others bustled in the kitchen, happy in their element. The ebb and flow of people moved as did the cats, sharing pieces of conversation, snippets of music, a smile here, a hug there.

Like a queen surrounded by her court, Marian presided with aplomb. A chronic helper-outer, she managed to stifle her usual tendencies and for once she allowed others to fetch for her. As the birthday girl, it was only right that she accept her friends' best wishes.

Slowly the table was being readied for the birthday feast, despite protestations that there would be no room for more food following the generous appetizers already offered. Heirloom table linens, sparkling colourful glassware and candles everywhere: nothing was too good for this special day. When they were called to the meal, gasps of appreciation were heard as Cheryl beamed with pride and Marian with delight. And so they sat.

Amazingly, these 10 women were somehow able to consume most of what was laid before them. Salads and special meat pies were followed by various desserts to tempt any diet. The flickering candles shimmered on faces animated in talk, hands moving expressively over their plates as important issues were tossed about like dinner rolls in a game of catch. Politics, religion and family were debated and analyzed. Then Cheryl, ever the instigator, began recounting humorous stories and, before long, the room was awash in laughter again. Marian leaned back in her chair, head thrown back in merriment as others picked up the ball and ran with it. Sides ached, mouths gaped, and eyes watered as story tumbled after story. Finally, spent and gasping for air, the women enjoyed the coffee that came out and the room settled down somewhat.

Marian was cajoled into saying a few words on her special day. Eyes glistening with affection, she looked about the room. Faces turned in her direction returned her gaze. "Well," she said. "I don't have to wonder any more what heaven is like. I just had my first glimpse." At which point, everyone raised their coffee cups in salute and then began a new round of jokes.



pic of the past

If you think today's winter roads are bad, then Joe Iles invites you to take a look at what the roads were like back in 1943. These photos show what is now Highway 118 as it passes "Deanville," a collection of Dean family homes along the hill where the Haliburton ambulance base now sits. The first photo shows the road making its way from the bottom of Dover's Hill towards the back of the arena, far left, and the former Haliburton Hospital (now Canoe FM.) The second photo shows the view of Deansville from where the hospital used to be. No wonder so many people put their cars up on blocks in the winter.

letters to the editor

Worse things than snowbanks

To the Editor:

I am responding to the January 11, 2005 issue with the article regarding snow removal on the main street.

Jim Henwood and Andy Glecoff have the abilities to remove the snow if they are that concerned about their customers. I just think this is laziness on everyone's behalf. These men do not remember the days when the snow banks on the main street were much higher than they are now, and no one complained then, you just dealt with it. I guess it just boils down to how much money you want to make. Do you do it yourself or blame someone else for it?

Also, if Andy Glecoff actually looked into it, the people who slip due to snow removal would

have to file a suit against the municipality, not him, because he doesn't own that property.

What it boils down to is, if you want the business and you have the time to dig openings then you should have enough time to dig out the whole access to your store. They chose to have stores in Haliburton; it isn't the Bahamas. Also, Loblaws should not have to contribute to snow removal on the main street.

I would suggest that everyone in Haliburton starts working together instead of causing such conflict over something so menial.

There are a lot worse things happening in the world. Really, what is a couple of shovels of snow?

Lynn Sevedge,
Redstone Lake

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





James Birrell died at age eight, after fighting a rare form of cancer called neuroblastoma.

Play to benefit kids' cancer fund

James Birrell made a real impact on physician

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

As a doctor at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, Sylvain Baruchel has met many families whose lives have been rent by cancer. In the months and years he works with them to try to stitch everything back together, the relationship that develops is more than doctor/patient. They go through too much together not to become friends.

That's why a few months ago, Dr. Baruchel phoned Sydney Birrell at his home in Peterborough. The two men had become friends when Birrell's son James was fighting a rare form of cancer, neuroblastoma. James, the grandson of long-time Soyers Lake residents Bruce and Primrose Birrell, died three years ago at the age of eight, but Sydney remained committed to raising money to fund research that would help other young children survive the devastatingly cruel disease. Dr. Baruchel remained committed to the memory of his young friend and patient.

Dr. Baruchel told Birrell that he had just read a play called *Oscar and the Lady in Pink*. Oscar is a 10-year-old boy with leukemia. He knows that his bone marrow transplant has failed and no one is happy. But no one will

talk to him about it except an elderly volunteer in pink, his beloved Mamie-Rose. She suggests that he write letters to God, pretending that each day, each letter, represents 10 years of his life. Oscar doesn't believe in God, or Santa Claus for that matter, but he agrees to do it and "begins an uplifting journey through days made fuller by the richness of his imagination and spirit."

That play, translated into English, is being performed this Sunday night, March 6, at the Galaxy Theatre in Peterborough to raise money for the Hospital for Sick Children's James Fund. There will be another English performance at the Jane Mallet Theatre in Toronto on the 7th, and a performance in French in Toronto on the 8th.

The play allows the audience to see, through a child's eyes, what it's like to be facing death at so young an age. When Dr. Baruchel read it, Oscar reminded him of James Birrell. He phoned Syd with the suggestion of mounting the play, through his connections with Le Theatre Francais de Toronto, as a fundraiser for the James Fund.

In an e-mail about the fundraiser, Syd Birrell writes, "I have many fond memories of the close ties of these two cancer fighters, [James and Dr. Baruchel], and perhaps the best was on the occasion of the launch of the James Fund back in March of 2001. James stood before the crowd, mike in hand, and with a great smile announced 'I would now like to introduce my very good friend Dr. Baruchel!' As Dr. Baruchel bounded onto the stage James took a running leap into the outstretched arms of his friend Sylvain, and that moment I will forever treasure."

For his part Dr. Baruchel is in awe of the way Birrell has transformed his grief into the energy that has gone into The James Fund. A short while ago, people were invited to aim a puck at Curtis "Cujo" Joseph's net. Every shot against the former NHL goalie cost \$1,000. "They raised \$60,000 in one afternoon," Dr. Baruchel says. All told, Birrell has raised \$400,000.

The performance on March 6 begins at 7 p.m. at the Galaxy Theatre, 320 Water Street in Peterborough. Tickets are \$100, for which a \$75 income tax receipt will be issued. The play is followed by a reception and silent auction. For advance tickets please call Diana Birrell at 705-749-3941.

Second Information Centre

Bancroft Minden Forest

2006-2026 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC) and the Local Citizens Committee invite you to attend a public information centre to discuss the 2006-2026 forest management plan for the Bancroft Minden Forest.

The forest management plan will outline the long-term strategic direction for the management of the forest, and the details of harvest, renewal and tending operations and access road locations for the first five-year term 2006-2011.

The purpose of the information centre is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on proposed areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations, alternatives for secondary road locations, and alternative or proposed "area of concern (AOC)" prescriptions, for the first five-year term of the plan. It will also provide the public the opportunity to generate additional alternatives for consideration and to make additional contributions to the background information and other information to be considered in decision-making.

The information centre will be held at the following time and location:

Bancroft Minden Forest Company, # 27578, Hwy. #62 S, RR 1 Bancroft
Wednesday, March 23, 2005 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The information centre will provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on the details of forest management operations for the first five-year term of the plan, before decisions are made, and before a draft forest management plan is submitted to the ministry for review. Should you be unable to attend the information centre, or wish to contribute information after the information centre has been completed, you can review and comment on the displayed material by arranging an appointment (including an appointment during non-business hours) with the ministry's Area Forester, Bruce Fleck at 613-332-3940, ext. 235.

A summary map of the proposed areas for harvest, renewal and tending operations and alternative road locations for the first five-year term of the plan may be obtained from the office of Bancroft Minden Forest Company or the ministry's Bancroft District or the Minden Area Office (see addresses below).

Comments and submissions on the proposed operations presented are requested to be sent to Bruce Fleck of the planning team at the ministry's Bancroft District Office, by **May 24, 2005**.

In addition to this information centre, formal public involvement opportunities are tentatively scheduled as follows:

Public Review of the Draft Forest Management Plan: July 2005
Public Inspection of the MNR-approved Forest Management Plan:
November - December 2005

The planning team for the forest management plan consists of the following people:

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Bruce Fleck, RPF - Forester
Gerry Moraal, Minden Biologist
Kathy Irwin, Bancroft Biologist
Leeyann Tomasini, FMP Biologist
Brian Vermeersch, Area Supervisor
Mike Turner, District Planner
Dennis Fraser, GIS Officer

BANCROFT MINDEN FOREST COMPANY

Mike Keenan, RPF - Plan Author
Jon Orpana, RPF - Forester
Peter Nitschke, General Manager

There is an opportunity during the forest management planning process to seek resolution of issues with the MNR District Manager or the MNR Regional Director in accordance with the process described in Part A, Section 3.4.1 of the Forest Management Planning Manual (2004).

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting comments and information regarding this forest management plan under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act (1995)* to assist in making decisions and determining further public consultation needs. Comments and opinions will be kept on file for use during the operating term of the forest management plan, and may be included in study documentation which is made available for public review.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (1987)*, personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources as public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For further information regarding this Act, please contact Vince Ewing at (613) 332-3940, ext. 206.

If you have any issues or concerns, or if you would like to receive additional background information, please contact the ministry's Area Forester, **Bruce Fleck at 613-332-3940, ext. 235**. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the duration of the planning process, please contact **Susan Kuiack at 613-332-3940, ext. 214**.

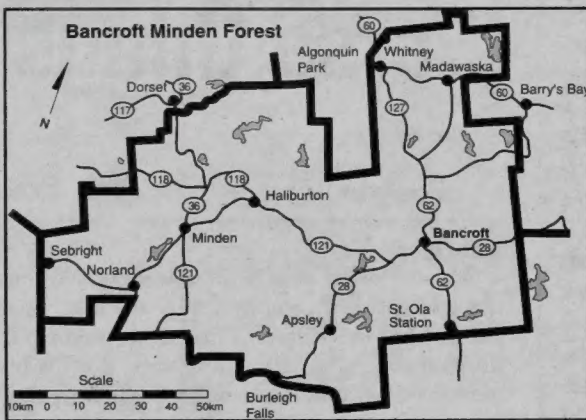
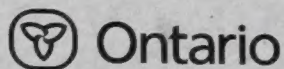
For further information on the forest management planning process, information relating to the preparation of this forest management plan, or background information about the Bancroft Minden Forest, please contact any of the following individuals during normal office hours:

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Highlands may take on new model for healthcare

Family Health Teams take a multi-disciplinary approach

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Here's the bad news: Haliburton County residents tend to be older, poorer, less educated and more isolated than other Ontarians. This means they tend to suffer from ill health more often.

Here's the good news: A coalition of local healthcare providers thinks it has a good chance of providing stable, accessible and flexible primary healthcare in Haliburton County.

"It's our sense that the Ministry of Health is watching Haliburton County with great interest, possibly to look at us as a model for other rural communities," Beth Archibald of Haliburton Highlands Health Services told county council last month.

The HHHS has formed a partnership with the district Community Care Access Centre and the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Network (primarily the doctors in Haliburton) to apply for one of the 150 new Family Health Teams being proposed by the province.

Family Health Teams take a multi-disciplinary approach to providing healthcare. The team may include physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered dietitians, social workers, pharmacists, specialists and other allied health professionals.

The teams will provide health assessment, diagnosis and treatment, primary mental health care, primary palliative care, support to other healthcare organizations, service co-ordination and referral, education and preventative care, chronic disease management and health promotion and disease prevention programs.

There would be special emphasis on seniors' healthcare since seniors form such a large percentage of the county's population. Programs would include vascular disease management and prevention, enhanced diabetes education and support, day surgery, palliative

care and telemedicine.

All patients' records would be kept in an electronic form so they can be easily shared between service providers.

Forty-five teams will be approved by the end of March and the local coalition hopes that it will be approved for one of them. There is already a Family Health Network at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre along the physical space required by the team at the Minden healthcare site.

The coalition already has the enthusiastic support of MPP Laurie Scott and MP Barry Devolin, and on Wednesday it also received a unanimous endorsement from county council.

Warden Jim McMahon said, "Family Health Teams will be a positive marketing tool to attract younger families to the area."

Referring to another delegation from Trillium Lakelands District School Board that outlined the challenges facing the county from declining enrolment, McMahon said that forming partnerships will give the county the resources it needs to address these issues.

"They all interweave," McMahon said. "We should build on these partnerships to make Haliburton County a prosperous area."

This point was emphasized by David Hill in his presentation to council. The director of education said that

last week he was approached by the committee recruiting doctors for Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. The committee had found a woman doctor who was willing to move to Lindsay with one caveat: her husband, a high school teacher, had to be guaranteed a job.

"It's hard for me to do that when our enrolment is declining," Hill told county council.

Many residents in Haliburton County are without a local doctor. This problem became more acute last week when Dr. Jaan Roos retired from his Minden practice.

Archibald says that seniors are in greatest need of doctors since they usually have more health issues. The lack of public transportation also makes it harder for people to access health services and makes problems of isolation more acute.

Haliburton County residents are at higher risk for the top five causes of illness compared with the provincial average, Archibald said:

- 15% have moderate to severe pain;
- 23% are affected by stress;
- eight per cent are at risk of depression;
- 13% suffered an injury in a 12-month period;
- 20% consume five or more drinks at a time, at least 12 times per year; and
- two-thirds of residents say they don't eat enough fruits and vegetables; 46% say they aren't physically active; and 27% of the population are smokers.

World Day of Prayer is celebrated March 4

Christians around the world will be focusing on the country of Poland during the annual World Day of Prayer service. Local residents are invited to join in this worldwide event by attending a service at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 4 at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church.

This year's World Day of prayer service, written by the women of Poland, reflected on the theme "Let Our Light Shine". The women of Poland greet all those participating in this service by saying, *Szczesc Boze* which means "May God bless you!" Poland, with a population of 83 million, tries to balance the influences of the West and the East. For more information on the services being held in this community, please contact: Mary Pearsell 457-2907 or June White 457-3543.

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Canada at risk of losing young farmers

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would have lost \$20,000.

"I can't earn a living on that," Pearce told Mitchell during the hour-long round table discussion at the new Fleming College campus.

Pearse, like many of the other farmers, expressed concern that young people see no future in farming. And without them, Canada's once proud past as the world's breadbasket will be lost.

"I'm wondering if a lot of non-farming people realize what happens if young people don't want to go into agriculture," said Bobcaygeon sheep farmer Barbara Wicks. "Have people thought ahead to where their food comes from?"

Twenty-two-year-old Scott Buckley was the only farmer younger than 40 at the meeting. His father, John, is a dairy cow exporter who asked Mitchell if the government could help pay the transportation costs of sending 3,000 to 6,000

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Friday's meeting in Haliburton between the riding's Farm Council and the federal Minister of Agriculture Andy Mitchell, foreground, was a welcome opportunity to share perspectives on the challenges facing Canada's agricultural industry. Farm Council chairman Bruce Vandenberg said the meeting, sponsored by MP Barry Devolin, was "productive on both sides."

head of cattle to Tunisia as part of the federal government's \$60 million aid package. Scott is the new face of farming; as well as helping out his father he's studying international trade at Fleming College.

Mitchell was praised for lobbying on Canadian farmers' behalf at the World

Trade Organization and with the American and Japanese governments to get borders re-opened to Canadian beef after the BSE crisis.

The key is to have a rules-based system so that everyone is given a fair chance to compete in the world market, Mitchell said.

But organic farmer Godfrey Tyler, the only farmer from Haliburton County at the meeting, would be happy if he could sell his products more easily at home.

"We have Sobey's and Loblaw's [in Haliburton] and I can't do business with them," he said. Other beef farmers noted that without a federal meat inspection program in the area, local farmers can't sell their beef to other provinces.

Tyler's wife Jean noted that there's a push to get a certified organic maple syrup. What certification do you need for a product that comes directly from trees, with no ingredients added? "You tap, you boil, you bottle, you sell."

There used to be local agricultural representatives who would visit farms to provide information and assistance. "Now we have websites and 1-800 numbers," she said.

Godfrey Tyler also highlighted the

numerous bureaucracies that farmers have to deal with. "I have GST, PST, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Agriculture, local governments. Everyone wants a piece of me and my money and my time but I'm not getting paid a fair price for my crops..."

"The frustration as a farmer is how do we get treated fairly? Every [one of Mitchell's] colleagues at the cabinet table eats three meals a day, and some look like it's four. There's a disconnect between those of us who grow the food and those who administer it."

MP Devolin says he is "working on a way to present the notion [in the House of Commons] that we need a national food strategy."

"It's got to have involvement from the grassroots. Farming doesn't come from a textbook," Joe Hickson said. "If we turn it over to the bureaucrats, it's doomed to disaster."

Mitchell said he's asked his press secretary, Wayne Easter, to help him come up with a way to deal with the issue of the long-term decline in farm income. He's going to ignore the immediate issues, such as BSE, and concentrate on long-term goals and structural changes.

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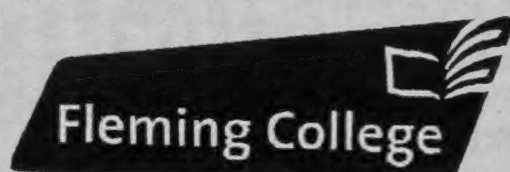
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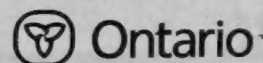
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The following are brief reports of items discussed by Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustees at their February 22 meeting in Lindsay.



David Hill joined the Trillium Lakelands in September, 2001.

Pavilion's success is wearing on floors

Staff Reporter

President Linda Beachli says the society formed in 1998 to meet a community need and the consistent use of the theatre has made all of the hard work in fundraising and building the theatre worth it. The theatre was used by various community groups and visiting performers on 120 days last year. The Haliburton Highlands High School used the space for an additional amount of time, but Principal Gary Brohman did not have the exact number handy at the society's annual general meeting last month.

Trustees requested that a letter from Trustee Chair Bob Orr be sent to the Minister of Children and Youth Services expressing the school board's grave concerns regarding the administrative reorganization of the student nourishment program and especially the possible elimination of the community CPP coordinator position.

The society is still in a stable financial position after purchasing new lights and sound equipment. They are also restricting access to untrained users of the equipment.

of the local Lindsay police, the OPP, the RCMP, as well as a local crown attorney. Trustees suggested that there needs to be an invitation to the school board to participate in local drug awareness organization meetings.

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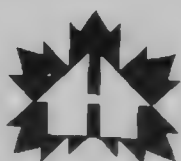
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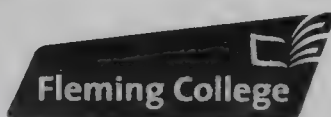
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Timbits Bonspiel huge success

*Local curlers get
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WENDY VERMEERSCH

Special to the Echo

The team from J.D. Hodgson Elementary school curled in the finals of the Tim Hortons Timbits Junior Provincial Championships in Haliburton on Sunday afternoon.

The team skip Curtis Nichol, vice Daniel Wright, second Nigel Harris-Saxby, and two alternating leads of Victoria Snow and Jennell Bilodeau – had the crowds cheering for full six ends. At the end of the fourth end Haliburton was up four but the team from Peterborough came back with a 2-and-5 end to take the lead.

The last end saw Haliburton pick up one for a final score of 7-5.

This competent and talented team was coached by Lise Ainsley. They could show some of the other curlers from the club a thing or two.

In an interview at the end of the day these young curlers said they have developed many new friendships. They enjoyed the four days and the exchange of club pins was a highlight of the bonspiel. They also were happy with the dance and pizza supper. They expressed much thanks to their coach Lise Ainsley, presenting her with a gift bag and flowers during the spiel.

The Haliburton Curling Club is pleased with the success of the Junior championships. From the first team to arrive on Thursday, Feb. 24th at 7 a.m. to the last team to leave the club on Sunday at 4



The top finishing team from Haliburton (from left) 2nd Nygel Harris-Saxby, vice Daniel Wright, coach Lise Ainsley, skip Curtis Nichol, awards presenter MP Barry Devolin, alternating spares Jennell Bilodeau, and Victoria Snow.

p.m., it was a very busy four days. With 55 teams and more than 700 people between the Haliburton rink and the Wilberforce rink it could not have gone as smoothly as it did without the help of more than 100 volunteers and the well-organized committee from the Haliburton Curling Club struck to oversee all the details.

The opening ceremonies at JDHES on Friday night was a sight to see with all the teams marching into the gym holding their home - designed signs identifying the town they represented. Haliburton Pathfinder Melanie Jewett led the procession. The Silver Flutes band played through the ceremonies and bandmaster Bill Medland got the crowd in the bleachers involved in the music.

There was a skills competition for every team at the end of their first game and the winners were presented with prizes provided by the Haliburton Curling Club. Third place team was R. Tait McKenzie School from Almonte; second place went to Archie Stouffer School from Minden; and first place to Greenbank School from the Nepean area of Ottawa. The first place winner received watches and curling brooms.

The creative school signs were judged by several of the volunteers. First place went to Glen Orchard School in Port Carling with bubbles flying out of their

sign, second place was Cardinal Leger from Peterborough and third place went to Nationview School from South Mountain. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners.

Peter Forgrave, MC for the evening, introduced the speakers: Chester Howse president of the Curling Club; Reeve Murray Fearrey welcoming the curlers, parents and coaches to Haliburton; and Jerry Walker presenting a document on behalf of Laurie Scott commending the club for hosting the event. Bob Nicholl, the chair of the organizing committee, and Art Cavanaugh from Peterborough representing Ontario Curling Association, also said a few words of welcome and thanks. The bleachers in the gym were full of guests and parents to make a very full gym.

From these ceremonies the curlers went to HHSS for a pizza supper and dance while the adults convened at the Legion for a wine and cheese reception and dance. Both were well received and a big thank you to the volunteers who looked after these events. An eyewitness tells me there was more dancing going on at the school than at the Legion. Pooped parents!

Saturday saw a full day of curling sixteen teams were left in contention for the coveted prizes. Playoffs began with these teams at 6:30 p.m. narrowing the group

down to 8 teams.

Sunday morning at 8 a.m. they were back on the ice and curled three games each to determine the winners. For the final game at 2 p.m. Earl Cooper piped the curlers onto the ice.

Division A – Winners – Centennial Public School, Waterloo.

Finalists – Fielding Drive Public School, Ottawa

Division B – Winners – Nationview Public, South Mountain

Finalists – Kleinburg Public School

Division C – Winners – James Strath, Peterborough

Finalists – J.D. Hodgson, Haliburton

Division D – Winners – Mactier Public School

Finalists – Monsignor O'Donoghue, Peterborough.

The overall winner was the team from Centennial Public of Waterloo.

The prizes for all of the above were large school trophies, individual trophies, medals, pins, patches provided by our local curling club and the Ontario Curling Association.

MP Barry Devolin was in attendance and spoke to the curlers before presenting the prizes.

These young curlers have developed superb curling skills and execution of the game. It was a joy and very exciting to

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Red Hawks' curling performance solid as a rock

TOM DUBBLEE

Special to the Echo

The HHSS curling teams competed in the Kawartha South-West Curling Championships on Thursday February 10th, Monday February 14th and Wednesday February 16th.

The girls' team placed fourth and advanced to the Kawartha finals. Skip Coral Pratt, Vice Jessica Pottier, Second Karen Cox-Gurdon, Lead Amy Nicholls and Spare Skye McBride curled well and had a decisive 11-3 win over Campbellford District High School.

The boys' team placed second (behind LCVI) and played well against Port Hope, IEW and Campbellford. HHSS curlers included Skip Jake Walker, Vice Edward Cyr, Second Connor Duhaime, Lead Jeff Sobil and Spare Andrew Flowers. Both teams advanced to the Kawartha Double Knock-out games at the Peterborough Golf & Country Club on Wed. Feb 23 and Friday Feb. 25.

At the Kawartha Finals, the girls were up against the number one Crestwood team who had just returned as one of the best eight teams in the

province. Coral and her team had the Crestwood girls a little nervous when they took four in the third end to be ahead by four. Although Crestwood was eventually victorious, the HHSS girls impressed many of the other competitors and viewing audience.

Coral's second game was against St. Peter's and HHSS was in control for the first few ends. The fourth end was not good for Haliburton when they gave up five. Coral played a strong game to be behind by one in the seventh end. It came down to Coral's last rock to draw in and force the extra end, but, alas, she was a bit heavy. Ending the season as a competitive force, the HHSS girls should be proud of their efforts.

The Boys lost their first game against TAS and were quickly sent to the B-Side where they would have to win their next four games to keep their curling season alive. After a quick team meeting to re-group and analyze goals, HHSS defeated IEW in their second game 5-3.

The third game was against LCVI who had already beaten Haliburton in the Kawartha South-West play-

offs. It looked like Haliburton's season was over until they got three in the seventh end to go ahead by one coming home. LCVI was able to tie it in the eighth and force an extra end. This was the second game this season where HHSS had the hammer in the extra end and the boys played it well. The boys held it together and won that "tight" game by two in an extra end.

The fourth game was against Crestwood and the boys had some serious excitement and momentum to carry them through that game with a 7-1 win after six games. Getting four points in the fifth end helped to secure game.

The final game was against TAS again. HHSS curled confidently and consistently. They got five in the fourth end and TAS gave up after five ends. Haliburton won that game 10-2 and were declared the B-Side Kawartha Champs.

HHSS Boys now advance to the COSSA curling Championships in Bancroft on Monday March 7.



Red Hawks winger Sean Keaney is hooked from behind by a Hurricanes player in the playoff opener. HHSS lost the game 5-4.

Red Hawks' playoff dreams end

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

HHSS 4
HCS 5

Dysart et al arena was abuzz last week for the second round of the Red Hawks hockey Kawartha AA playoffs. The largely partisan crowd was cheering as if their voices would carry the Red Hawks to the OFSAA finals.

However, sudden death overtime proved fatal for the Red Hawks who lost both playoff games, failing to score in the extra frames of each of them.

In game one the Red Hawks dominated, leading by as many as two goals until surrendering the equalizer with just more than five minutes. As the momentum shifted to the Hurricanes the Red Hawks looked vulnerable. Seconds remained in the second overtime when a Hurricanes' game-winning high slap shot from the blueline stunned and shocked the crowd and the Red Hawks.

Early in the game the exuberance in the crowd was contagious. Both teams had a jump to

their steps, hitting everything. The Red Hawks' winger Sean Keaney, sent the crowd into a frenzy at the 13 minute mark. He slid in the first goal under a sprawling Hurricanes' goalie and defenseman after two attempts came up fruitless.

The Hurricanes responded with a power play goal to tie the game 1-1.

Red Hawks defenseman Ryan Bottum gave back the lead with a slapshot from the middle of the ice at the blueline that ripped through the legs of Hurricanes' goalie Jamie McKelvie.

Ian Sachs, the Red Hawks' goalie, kept the lead until the third period with several saves in close and minimal rebounds during the last minutes of the second period.

The third period opened slowly with the teams playing a controlled, puck possession style of game. Even with HHSS out-hitting the Hurricanes and out-chancing them for most of the game the Red Hawks couldn't stave off the Hurricanes' comeback. Efforts from crowd-favourite players such as winger

Zach Joanu — a hitting machine — weren't enough either.

Tied at 4-4 Kevin Bowman caught a flying Hurricanes' player on a breakaway with a diving poke check. Bowman ended the scoring threat late in the third period.

Despite rebounds by Hurricanes' goalie McKelvie the Red Hawks could not connect for the winner. With 1:25 left in the game HHSS veteran defenseman Josh Fick sped through the neutral zone and around his check down the wing. While in full stride Fick let loose a wrist shot that McKelvie saved to the chagrin of the home crowd.

After a series of traded chances the game extended to the second overtime. It wasn't until close to the two-hour mark that a slapshot to the top left corner above Sachs' glove ended the marathon in the second overtime.

**Note: The Red Hawks were eliminated from the playoffs after losing their second game in overtime against the Hurricanes in Peterborough last week.*

Haliburton seniors show their mettle at Senior Winter Games

Ralph Mintz, oldest team competitor, captures bronze medal in 3 km prediction

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Special to the Echo

Winterfest 2005 (Senior Winter Games) was held in Barrie from Feb. 6-8. District 11 sent a contingent of 31 participants and eight observers from Haliburton County.

Muriel and Doug McIntosh, along with Reet Murray and William Sandford, represented the Highlands at Duplicate Bridge. They placed fourth in a strongly contested activity.

Robert McIvor and Pauline Plooard were the 3 km prediction skaters. The Men's hockey team with Paul Cameron and Ted Rule as goalies and Keith Anderson, Jack Virgin, Glen Smith, Case Bassie, Ron Earle, Robert Ashleigh, Ernie Ross, George Moore, Joe Zahn, Frank Powers, Leroy Mowat, and Ernie Winterburn as skaters tried hard but fell short of a win. They did, however, vow to be back in two years with a stronger team.

Curlers — skip Ron Barr, vice Cheryl Smillie, second Fred Houtby and lead Irene Houtby — finished with two wins, two ties and 2 losses to finish sec-

ond in the consolation round. They were assisted on the second day by John Smillie as second, when Fred injured his back.

Barbara Ann Fisher, who was loaned to the team from Cobourg, finished fourth in the Alpine Skiing (downhill) event for 65+. Haliburton also had two Nordic skiers (cross country), Liv Andersen and Ralph Mintz. Ralph was the teams oldest competitor and also was the only one to win a medal as he captured the bronze in this 3 km prediction event.

Two badminton players, Siggy von Hunnius and Joanne Hill, played in the mixed 55-64 age category. They were Haliburton's only representatives in this very competitive sport as they also fell short of a win.

Everyone had a great time and were quite surprised that so many seniors were so active in so many different actin sports.

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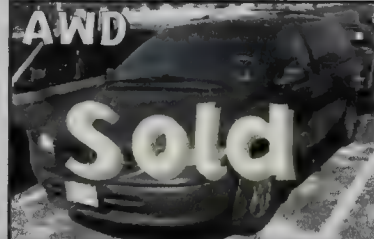
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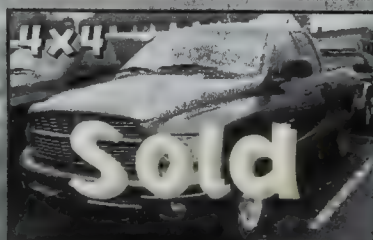
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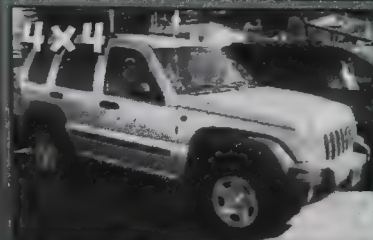
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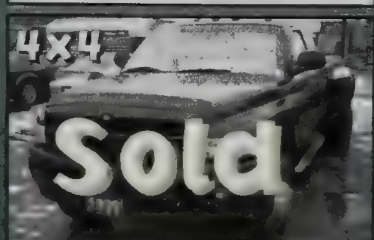
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Lady Red Hawks proud of new jerseys



A boisterous crowd cheered for the HHSS girls hockey team and teacher's team during their exhibition show case game at the Dysart arena on Wednesday, Feb. 23. HHSS team extend thanks to sponsors and contributors. **Above:** The team and coaches Dave Chambers, far right, and Ginny Heming, far left.

Storm's bantam tri-county coach left scratching his head

SHERILL SHERWOOD

Special to the Echo

The Highland Storm Bantam tri-county team has provided great entertainment over the 2004/2005 season, and it's far from over.

November finished with a 4-5 record and a team that was not clicking as well as it could. Beating the more talented teams and losing against weaker ones had Coach Dave Sherwood scratching his head and pacing.

Some big wins in early December against weaker teams didn't help the team prepare for the Silver Stick Tournament on Dec. 18. The Bantam Bs lost all three games against the strong competitors.

Finishing December with a 2-2 record allowed the Storm to be rescheduled in January and February against the tougher teams in the loop (#1 Omeme, #2 Cannington, #3 Highland Storm, #4 Beaverton, #5 Manvers, and #6 Mariposa). No more easy wins.

Storm executive member Andy Paul's organization of a body checking clinic for Storm teams in January was well attended by the Bantam Bs. The team's enjoyment of the tough clinic spilled out into the next games as they started a four-game winning streak against very talented teams. (Thank you Andy). The scores were: Storm 6 - Omeme 0, Storm 2 - Manvers 1, Storm 5 - Mariposa 0, Storm 3 - Beaverton 2.

Expecting another victory on January 19 the Storm team was brought back to reality with a 4-2 loss to Omeme.

In Cannington on January 23, the game was tied at two starting into the third period. Midway through the third Cannington bagged two goals. Game over? Wrong. The Storm dug deep and poured it on. With three minutes left, Ryan Sherwood got his third goal of the night to make it 4-3 Cannington. Pumped up, the Storm applied more pressure and Captain Robbie Hicks knocked one in to tie it up with 59 seconds left, assisted by Nathan Woodcock and Ryan Sherwood. What a comeback!

Event success owed to community efforts

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watch the playoffs. The clubroom was full of spectators who also were enjoying the games. Loud cheering continued throughout the day.

Many thanks are to be given to the drawmaster, Bob Johnson, icemaker John Watson, Chester Howse President of the club, the organizing committee headed by Bob Nichol, Bruce Martin the donut

Mariposa came to play on January 27, beating the Storm 5-3. It was a hard loss after taking a 2-1 lead in the third.

Omeme was in Minden on January 30. This was the fifth game between the two teams, with a 2-2 record. Storm goalie Jordan Collins thwarted many great chances. Bottom line: Storm 4 and Omeme 2.

Storm finished January with a 5-2-2 record.

Zac (the Rock) Prenger was out of the line-up February 4 when the tough Beaverton team came to town. Beaverton jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first period. Storm dug deep once again, scoring three unanswered goals in the second period by Robbie Hicks, Heather Mulholland and Logan Brown. Assists went to Ryan Smith, Jason Chapman, Heather, Robbie and newcomer Tyler Stewart.

Beaverton scored in the third for a 3-3 tie.

On February 12, Cannington came knocking and the Storm came out rocking with big hits from both sides. Crunch King Jay Winfield levelled any player who looked down for a second. Did Scott Stevens teach this guy? Storm got a power play goal in the second period and Cannington bagged one with 1:21 to go in the second. Steven Nelson and Ryan Sherwood scored two goals in one shift in the last minute of the second. The Storm coach heavily relied on penalty killers Mitch Vanderlip and Ginnie Foulds in some tough situations throughout the game. Daniel Sisson, back from a leg injury, was solid on defence. Cannington scored a nice goal in the third period to make it 3-2 Storm. Jordan Collins stood on his head and won this close game for the Storm.

The next day Jay Winfield invited the team to a hockey game on the lake, ice fishing and a barbecue. It was a great turn out and a lot of fun. A great example of team camaraderie.

Come out and see this improved and talented Storm team. They will certainly entertain you.

boy, Aggie Tose who organized both the opening and closing ceremonies, the kitchen staff, officials, score keepers, greeters, prize and trophy buyers. Last but not least thanks to all the curlers, coaches, parents and spectators for making this such a successful event.

Highland Storm Tykes are thunderous in the playoffs

KATHY MCKELVEY-BROWN

Special to the Echo

Sunday, February 13 saw the Highland Storm Tyke team face off at the Haliburton arena against the Fenelon Flyers.

Joel Fedeski started the scoring with an awesome unassisted goal which was evened up by Fenelon before the end of the first period.

With the Storm looking a little sluggish, the second frame was all Flyers, scoring four more goals to end the period 5-1.

In the third period the Storm was a little more fired up. Hunter Bishop did a great job in net and the Storm was able to add three more goals to their tally. Devon Upton scored one and assisted on one by Braden Roberts. The other was scored unassisted by Austin McKay.

Fenelon, however, was determined to hold their lead, scoring one more to end the game in a 6-4 loss for the Storm.

On Wednesday the Storm team was solid when they hit the ice in Haliburton to challenge Beaverton.

The Storm dominated the game with the majority of the action in Beaverton's zone. At the end of the second they were up 7-0. Both teams were able to score one in the third. Owen Flood, the Storm's amazing goaltender, let only one puck sneak by. Final tally 8-1 for

the Storm.

Scoring Stats: Austen McKay had a "hat trick" and one assist; Hunter Bishop two goals, one assist; William Stephenson one goal, three assists; Upton one goal, one assist; Braydin Hollows one goal; Sydney Cameron, three assists; and Morgan Hamilton and Fedeski each with one assist.

The Tykes must have been well rested when they thundered onto the ice in Haliburton to take on Millbrook Sunday morning, February 20. The entire team looked sharp and on their toes.

The first period was all Storm, who scored six goals in all: Upton with a hat trick and two assists, and Stephenson, Hamilton and Hollows each scoring one with assists to Bishop and Hollows.

The Storm did an amazing job back-checking and keeping the puck out of their end. Logan Churko did an outstanding job between the pipes, making some great saves and greatly contributing to keeping the goals-against low. Neither team was able to capitalize on their shots in the second, ending the period with the Storm still up by six.

Millbrook looked more determined in the third coming back to score three goals, but it was too little too late. Hollows put another marker on the scoreboard for the Storm on a helper from Flood leaving the Storm with a 7-3 win.

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Eight local wrestlers earned berth in finals

On February 23, the Red Hawks wrestling team travelled to Bancroft to compete at the 2005 COSSA Championships. Eighteen athletes from HHSS represented their high school at this event. In the third year of running the wrestling program, this year's team was the largest to represent Haliburton.

Some of the best matches of the season were wrestled at this tournament as athletes battled for a chance to compete at the OFSAA Championships to be held March 2 - 4 in Brampton. The competition was fierce, and Haliburton wrestlers rose to the challenge. Eight Red Hawks wrestlers earned a spot in the finals to rank among the top four in their weight class.

In the girls' division, Brandi Schell (119 lbs) and Jackie Grech (104 lbs) both earned fourth place. Jackie, who qualified for OFSAA last year, wrestled particularly well with two wins and two losses in an extremely competitive weight class. Rebecca Ide narrowly missed advancing to OFSAA with a third place finish in the 170 lb class. Winning silver medals were

Kaila Grech (90 lbs) and Julie Moore (185 lbs).

Kaila and Julie will represent HHSS and the COSSA region at the 2005 provincial championships. Both competitors are in their first year of wrestling and look to gain valuable experience at OFSAA.

In the boys' division, three Haliburton athletes broke through the preliminary rounds to advance to the finals. Adam DeCarlo wrestled well to place fourth in the 119 lb weight class. Earning third place were Dave Balaski (185 lbs) and Kalem Kyle (159 lbs). Balaski earned a record of three wins and one loss in his most gruelling matches of the season.

The 185 lb weight class was stacked with tough competitors. After winning his first match, Dave lost to a Trenton wrestler favoured to win the division. As a result, Balaski had to settle for a spot in the consolation final, where he beat the gold medalist from last week's Kawartha Championships.

With a record of three wins and two



Julie Moore switches to a half-nelson to turn her opponent. Julie won this match, earning a berth to the OFSAA Championships.

losses, Kalem Kyle showed that he is a serious contender in this region in the 159 lb division. His technique improved over the last few weeks and his opponents found it difficult to defend Kalem's attacks. After a first round win, Kalem met the eventual COSSA champion, who has a chance to earn a medal at OFSAA this year. Kalem lost this match by points. He won each of the next two

matches with pins to earn the bronze medal and a chance to challenge the silver medalist for the right to compete at OFSAA. Kalem lost the challenge by points against a senior wrestler.

Congratulations to all wrestlers for representing HHSS at the COSSA Championships and good luck to OFSAA-bound Julie Moore and Kaila Grech.

Almaguin bedevils Storm in Midget hockey action

Highland Storm 5 Almaguin 0

On Saturday February 12, G. J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Midget AE played their second playoff game facing the Almaguin Ice Devils in Haliburton.

The Storm moved ahead at the end of the first period with a 3-0 lead. In the second and third periods Highland Storm remained strong, ending the game Highland Storm 5 Almaguin 0. J.D. Crowe was in net for the Storm with his second shutout well done J.D!

The team has really come far throughout the season and is absolutely ready to be a major contender during the playoffs. Coach Jim Winn has set the team straight and the team is ready, willing and able to play to their best.

Scoring for the Storm: goal and two assists from Pat Prevost; two goals by Max Ambridge; one goal for Devin Hunter; one goal and one assist by Mackie Campbell; two assists for Josh Townsend; and assists each for Adam Trueman, Joe Gallagher and Matt Clements.

Highland Storm 12 Almaguin 1

On February 19, the Midget AEs played their third playoff game with a late 6:45 p.m. start in Haliburton.

The second home game in the series was another strong game played by the Storm. There were four goals scored by

the Storm in each period and this was the third game won by the Storm to complete the series with Almaguin.

Zach Pierson, Pat Prevost and Matt Clements have most definitely been putting forth their best efforts and this really shows on the ice. Tim Pettit scored four of the goals for a hat trick.

The team continues to play strong and fast nothing stands in the way of the Storm. The Almaguin team has tried to get the tempers and penalties going and this too was weathered well by the Storm. J.D. Crowe was netminder and remained strong for the entire game. Almaguin scored with an unassisted goal at 7:34 in the third period. Final score Highland Storm 12 Almaguin 1.

Scoring for the Storm: four goals Tim Pettit; two goals and one assist for Tyler Watson; two goals and one assist for Max Ambridge; one goal each for Zach Pierson, Matt Clements, and Adam DeCarlo; Pat Prevost one goal and two assists; two assists by Devin Hunter; and one assist by Mackie Campbell, Joe Gallagher, and Josh Townsend.

The coaching team has done a great job throughout the season, and the team has responded well. All the efforts are really starting to show well as the team enters into the playoffs winning their first round.

Stay tuned, for the next round. \

Looking forward to the team's continued success.

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Snowmobilers from the Kennisis Lake area were disappointed with their friend's poker hand at the annual West Guilford Snow Shuffle during registration at the West Guilford Community Centre.

Centre filled with shufflers

The 26th dawned bright and fair with very light falling snow for the annual Snow Shuffle.

By noon of that day 165 had registered. The centre was crowded for beef dinner and dance. Over the phone it sounded like lots of fun when I called for details on in the evening.

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Sympathy to the Morrison families is extended upon the death of Carrie (Morrison) Drysdale last week. Monk's Chapel was crowded for the funeral on Saturday, Feb. 25, with many old time friends as well as extended family. Carrie had to be moved to Lindsay Memorial Hospital in January and went to Strathaven Nursing Home in Bowmanville from there where she received several visits from the Rev. Christopher Greaves who is now incumbent of St. John's Anglican Church in Bowmanville.

News has reached us of Harry Rodley, former owner of Hillcrest Haven at Grass Lake in the 80's. Harry has been recovering successfully from heart by-pass surgery in Hamilton.

The Abbs family and many Harrison families are mourning the loss of Iris (Harrison) Abbs and we offer the sympathy to the family of the community who used to know her. Iris' home of late was Extencicare Haliburton.

Louise Cooper has returned from a holiday in the Turks and Caicos Islands where Jaro Cooper is working for eight months with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

One of the restful aspect for Louise was the walks on the beach. One of the delights for Jaro was the carrot cake Louise made for him!

It has been great to receive calls at 754-2278 about helping at the March 4th program to raise funds for Tsunami Relief. Lions Club has been most co-operative. Entertainers have said yes right away which is much appreciated. See you at the Centre 8 p.m.



Loving that luge

The Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours winter workshops continued on the right track with lugeing, hosted by the Redstone River Luge Club on Saturday, Feb. 12. First-timers from Toronto were mastering the turns from the expert advice of Bahnmeister Kurt Herzog (at left). Even MPP Laurie Scott came and took a run down the luge track.

The Redstone River Luge Club (above, right) officially showed their plaque signifying the financial support of \$9,000 over two years from The Ontario Trillium Foundation. (from left) MPP Laurie Scott, club volunteer, Will Rea, HCDC General Manager Andy Campbell, Club Bahnmeister Kurt Herzog, club president Robert Van Nood and the foundation's Grant Team Review Chair of Durham Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Peter Forgrave.

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Young Wilberforce curlers took part in big bonspiel

Timbits tournament included teams from all over the province



TRUDY POGUE/Special to the Echo

The Junior Wilberforce Rockets played the Bancroft Dot Benefits team recently and made it to the playoffs.

Dozens of young curlers from across Ontario visited this area last week for the Timbits Bonspiel. Teams of curlers from Grades 5 to 8 from elementary schools played in this tournament sponsored by the Tim Hortons doughnut shops. They played games at both the Wilberforce and Haliburton curling Clubs from early Thursday, February 24 to Sunday, February 27. They came from places such as Sarnia, Hamilton, Orleans, Niagara Falls, Chesley, Haliburton, Tara and Lakefield.

Doug Stephen led a contingent of volunteers at the Wilberforce Club to provide a welcoming environment with good ice, efficient officials and food for the visitors – the youth and their adults. The finals and several social events were scheduled for Haliburton venues. There was some fine

curling and lots of fun in this quiet competitive event.

Of the Heritage Week program, the evening of games at the Outpost Historic House with the Pathfinders and Guides was an especially good gathering. These young ladies, their leaders, and parents who also attended seem to feel at home in this historic place whether learning about it formally or just being part of it by being there. You are always welcome, ladies.

The stories of Steve Galea are read usually for the humour. Another side of this talented writer was revealed in a recent column when he wrote touchingly of a late night phone call. The call was sadly to tell him of the serious illness of his father. Joseph Galea died on February 24, 2005 in

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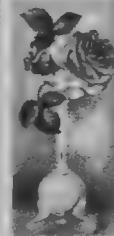
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Condolences go to Galea family

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Cobourg. He was 77 years of age. Our condolences are extended to Steve, Carol and all of the Galea family and friends. Thanks Steve for sharing a little more of yourself and some of your dad with your readers in that "different" column.

Some local hockey news has finally reached us. Here's the scoop on the two Wilberforce Rockets teams – the Junior team has players up to age 10 while the Senior Rockets are from 11 to 14. They play most of their games at the Wilberforce Arena, playing mostly Bancroft teams. Mostly the games are on Wednesday nights with practices on Sunday. Both boys and girls are welcome on the teams.

On February 13 the Rockets held a Skate-a-Thon which raised an amazing \$1,227.75 for their teams. This will help fund the end of season banquet and trophies and the bus trip on Feb. 26 to see a Petes game in

Peterborough.

The Junior Rockets have won four and lost two games. The Seniors have won five and lost one. Next they will play in a tournament on Saturday, March 5 at the Wilberforce Arena. The juniors are tied for second place as they head into this tournament. The seniors are in second place in their division. Good luck to all players. Have fun.

My source, Trudy Pogue, reveals that on Sunday March 6, the mothers of team members will suit up for a game. That should be fun, too.

We understand that the Fred Agnew Memorial Hockey Tournament that was held the weekend of Feb. 19 and 20 was a good one. Both younger and old timers divisions saw some competitive hockey. Funds raised from the tournament and the Saturday dance which is always an important social event for players and friend are usually donated for improvements at the

arena. Thanks to all who work at and participate in this event which remembers a fine young man who loved hockey.

Members of the Loop Troupe drama group, including many young ladies, are working hard learning lines and attending rehearsals preparing for the spring production of two one-act plays April 8 and 9 are only a few weeks away so the excitement is building. The Troupe wishes president Gill Stephen a speedy recovery as a broken arm heals.

After a busy winter of learning the students in this area have their March Break from Monday, March 14 to Friday March 18 this year. Reports go home on March 10.

The recreation committee has the Maple Syrup Festival organized for Easter Saturday. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with pancake breakfast/luncheon let Kathy Rogers or Nataly Goulet know. Anyone wishing to serve on the recre-



TRUDY POGUE/Special to the Echo

Ethan Evans skates in full uniform to raise money for his team.

ation committee should let us know. This group organizes the annual Country Good Times weekend of activities – third weekend in July.

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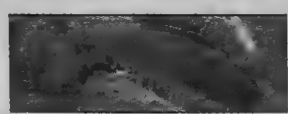


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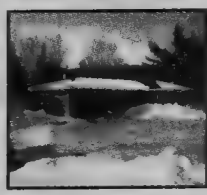
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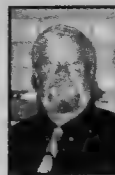
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Hours for Sunday brunch are unchanged

Contrary to what you have read or heard regarding the hours of the Sunday brunches, they have not changed. The committee responsible for the brunches has decided to keep the same times, i.e. 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Valentine Dance on the 19th was a great success. The music, meal and fellowship made it a time to remember.

I was asked a question the

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Gerald Irish

other day about the number of workers in the office. Yes, there are three and more people working there. Two ladies, Anna Hebert and Lynda Weir, share 40 hours of work per week - 20

hours each resulting in the total salary of one employee. Our treasurer, Pat Wright, works in the office but Pat is an executive member, ergo no salary. Ray Baker, our membership chairman, often works in the office to keep membership up-to-date. He receives no salary. He is often assisted by Lynda Weir, at no charge to us and during her off hours.

These arrangements have

meant a payroll reduction from three office staffers to the equivalent of one paid employee and a very efficiently run operation. All in all this makes the office an extremely busy place at times but only one salary is being paid for office work.

Our list of volunteers continues to grow and we are all so appreciative of the assistance. Don't stop now. Keep offering to help.

Don't forget the executive meeting on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. This will be a meeting with your executive and members of the Ladies Auxiliary in attendance. After a two months hiatus the general meetings resume on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. and continue for the balance of the year on the second Thursday of each month. Plan to attend. Your branch needs your constructive ideas and support.

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Spectacular lunar scene was 'amazing'

What cold but fantastic nights we have had lately! On my way home from Toronto the other night, I had to stop and get out of my car to look at the moon that shone so brightly over the frozen expanse of Elephant Lake. The scene before me was amazing and while gazing at the spectacular lunar ball in the sky, I did not give a thought to the mercury that dipped to mega nippy minus degrees. My thoughts were filled with how we are truly blessed to witness such acts of nature and how

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thankful I am to be living in such tranquil surroundings.

I thought about another blessing I had to count and that was that my husband Mel is back home again and appears to be recovering slowly but surely.

Charles Hughes is well on the way to recovery from his recent

illness. In November and December he was very ill and spent nearly six weeks in the hospital and nearly died a couple of times. During January, he was home but very weak. He is now starting to get back on his feet. We are pleased to hear this great news.

As a member of Legion Branch 624, I had the opportunity this past week to attend Wilberforce Elementary School's public speaking competitions. Legions all over play an active and significant role in helping

students learn how to develop public speaking skills that they will carry on into their adult lives. As a school board trustee, I am so pleased that local students have an opportunity to take part in these competitions. A component of the school curriculum is to help students become better at writing, editing and presenting. These competitions are a wonderful opportunity for students to further refine their public speaking skills while developing a sense of community with the older

generation of Legion members.

The formal opening and welcome led by Branch 624 President Bonnie Jessup saw all the children of Wilberforce Elementary School singing *O Canada* and *God Save The Queen*.

It is a great undertaking for the students to stand before their school peers, parents and a panel of judges. All of the Wilberforce Elementary School students who participated did an excellent job: The imagination of Grade 1 student, Lloyd

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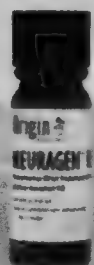
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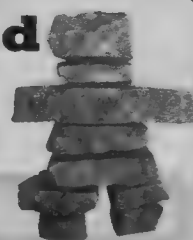
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Deadline for submissions:
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Notification of winning submissions:
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For a copy of the terms of reference please go to:

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Young comedian gets the crowd giggling over speech about girls

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Callfas was unparalleled as he told his story, *A Boy Who Knew Only One Thing*. Grade 2 student Stanley Riley will do just fine as he takes his story, *A True Story About My New Friend Andrew*, forward to Legion Zone competitions. Victor Townsend, Grade 2, has already selected his future career path. Victor's story, *One Day I Will Be a Logger*, told us all about his plan to be a logger just like his Dad. Just great storytelling by all three boys.

All speeches in the Grade 4-6 category were superb. Bethalin Callfas suffered a little bout of nervous giggles but recovered quickly to deliver a fine report on *Siberian and Bengal Tigers*. Sara Casha took us back to the Jurassic Period as she related her tale on *Brontosaurus*. Connor Pilger of Tory Hill is unquestionably a young man far beyond his young Grade 6 years. His speech on the *Complications of Girls* kept everyone in stitches as he related tales of girls not getting off the telephone even if there was an armed nuclear bomb. His vivacious version of girls saying "yes" when they actually mean "no" and "it taking hours to get one straight answer" filled everyone with mirth. With his animated gestures and speech content, this young comedian should make it all the way to the Legion provincial level.

Lindsay Pogue of Harcourt oozed confidence as she delivered her speech on *Superstitions*. She reminded us all that stepping on a crack will break our mother's back and elephant trunks up mean good luck.

Samantha Vanier of Wilberforce who, in her young lifetime has suffered a personal loss of a loved one who died from cancer, delivered a passionate speech on *Smoking*. Thank you, Samantha, for sharing.

In our schools we promote character education and most homes provide an environment where children learn to act as caring, solid citizens. Jaimie Dack's

speech on *Public Speaking* illustrates many of the characteristics required to deliver a speech. One requires perseverance, determination, confidence and self-discipline and this Grade 4 student from Tory Hill possessed the fine characteristics of respect, compassion, friendliness, fairness and graciousness for others as she wished her fellow students an excellent job with their own speeches.

How do you think you will feel when your child snuggles into you, looks up at you, and says, "This is the best book we have ever read together?" Parents: take a few moments out of your busy schedules and read a story with your child. Explore stories together and approach the story in the same spirit of discovery as your child.

Don't forget the following dates:

March 2, 7:30 p.m. **Bingo**. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Debbie Shatraw at 448-3155.

March 2, 16, 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Wilberforce Cooking Corner** at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre. Call Haliburton Early Learning Centre 457-2989 for more information. The Ontario Early Years Centres have many great parenting programs. For more information call the Parent Education Department at 286-4625 and ask about programs, transportation and childcare.

March 3- 7:30 p.m. **Progressive Euchre**. Harcourt Community Centre. For more information call Mel Smith at 448-3640.

March 6 -7 p.m. At the Harcourt Community Chapel Evening Service they will be showing a video called *God's Chosen Land*. Morning Service, 11 a.m., family Bible hour for children, teens and adults.

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- Mar. 2: Join Community Care Haliburton County and Wheels to Meals at Win Yeung's in Haliburton. These Wheels to Meals luncheons offer good food, friendships and lots of fun. If you would like to reserve or would like more info., please call Aileen at 457-3375.
- Mar. 2, 9, 16: St. Paul's Minden - Lenten Service and Toonie Lunch in aid of Minden Food Bank is at 12 p.m. Different speaker at each service.
- Mar. 3: Join Community Care Haliburton County and Wheels to Meals at the Minden Legion. This luncheon begins at 12 noon. Please call Myrtle at 754-1711 to reserve.
- Mar. 4: Award winning Canadian Artist Otto Don Rogers, member of the Royal Academy of Arts, will be presenting a slide show and giving a talk on: "Art: An Expression of the Human Spirit" Friday, March 4th, 8 p.m. at the new Sir Sandford Fleming Campus in Haliburton. This free event is sponsored by the Baha'is of Haliburton.
- Mar. 4: World Day of Prayer will be held Fri., Mar. 4, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. This year this ecumenical celebration highlights the women of Poland. Everyone welcome. For info. call June White at 457-3543.
- Mar. 5: 4th Annual Irondale Ice Fishing Derby, Saturday, March 5. Registration-Irondale Community Centre. Entry fee. Largest walleye wins. Lots of other prizes. More info., call Theresia or Russ at 447-3103.
- Mar. 8: Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton. Tuesday, Mar. 8, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Alzheimer Society office, Family Med. Building, Haliburton. Adult Child Group. Please call Janet Bottum at the Alzheimer Society Office 457-8335 to register. Refreshments served.
- Mar. 8: The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners invite you to their monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of the Month. (Tues., Mar. 8th) at Pritchard House, 9 a.m. Watercolour Monoprinting, Wendy Wood (paint on plexiglass, put paper over and lift image) materials will be available, limit of 15 participants. 1:30 p.m. General meeting.
- Mar. 11: Join Community Care Haliburton County and Wheels to Meals at the Martin Wood Resort in Harcourt. Lunch begins at 12 noon. Call Eileen at 448-2596 to reserve.
- Mar. 15: Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting. Held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699.
- Mar. 16: Big Buck Bid Euchre - Come join us for some fun at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, Kinmount, Ontario. Held the third Wednesday of the Month. Hope to see you soon. For info. call Alice 488-3271.
- Mar. 19: Spring Craft & Bake Sale. Sat., March 19 at the Gooderham United Church. 9 to 2 p.m. - Easter Theme. Spring is in the air. Light lunch and refreshments available.

ON GOING EVENTS

- Join us at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton, Tuesday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for songs, crafts, early learning activities and free play. Call Stephanie at 457-2989 for more information on what's happening new at our centre.
- Attention all Dads: Why not give Mom a break this Saturday and make some lasting memories with your child? Fathers who drop by enjoy building castles in the construction zone and creating masterpieces in the art room. The Ontario Early Years Centre (lower level Halco Plaza) is open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have an adventure with your child this Saturday. For more information on our programming, call Stephanie at 457-2989.
- Moms and Babies drop by every Thursday morning to share the joys and wonders of parenting. The Health unit visits the third Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. for a Well information, call Stephanie at 457-2989.
- The Breastfeeding Promotion Network meets the forth Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. at the Haliburton Ontario Early Years Centre.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date. NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.



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460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
DAVID SAMUEL CONGDON
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on Monday, February 28, 2005.
At the age of 63.

Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Stamp) for 42 years. Loving father of Tracy and Bryan Hughes, Neil and Dale Congdon, loving grandpa of Kara and Jenna Hughes, Taylor Congdon. Dear brother of Marie (Russell) Baker, Rilla (Bob) Davis, the late Jim Congdon (Beryl), and brother-in-law of Dorothy and Brian Black and the late Sid Stamp (Elsie). Son of the late Raymond and Edna Congdon. Sadly missed by his nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund, The Haven of Rest Chapel or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST
EDITH CHRISTINA (nee Walker)
McKNIGHT

Passed away peacefully at the
Haliburton Hospital on Monday,
February 21, 2005.
In her 78th year.

Beloved wife of the late Lloyd McKnight. Dear mother of Brian and his wife Lois, Donna Lee, and predeceased by Lloyd "Snuffy". Loving grandmother of Craig and Donna May, Lenny (Crystal), and great grandmother of Austin. Dear sister of Russell (Doreen) Walker, Murray Walker, and sister-in-law of Ella Walker. Predeceased by Bill, Ray, Jean Clark, Lillian Madill, Marjorie Barry, Carl and Charlie. Fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of Memorial Service in the Chapel at 3:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. Reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, Minden. Memorial donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636 Minden "Building Fund" would be appreciated by the family.

COCKBURN, VIOLET STEWART HAY - Passed away peacefully in her sleep at home in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on February 11th, 2005. She is survived by her husband of 65 years Dr. Samuel Herbert Cockburn and her brother Edward Hay. She is predeceased by her sister Mary (Hay) Worling. She will be lovingly remembered by her four children Margaret (and her husband Joe) - Haliburton, Ont.; Victoria (and her husband Ray) - Suffolk, VA; John (and his wife Joyce) - Columbia, SC; and Edna (and her husband Thomas "Monk" - Winston-Salem, NC. She is also fondly remembered by her eight grandchildren (and spouses) and three great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends in Canada and the USA as well as friends in Costa Rica, Argentina, and Spain. Violet served as a missionary in Buenos Aires and Madrid. She was also employed as executive secretary with Manulife, Campbell University, and most recently with the Royal Bank of Canada. Visiting was held on Monday, February 14 at the Cardinal Funeral Home located at 366 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont. between 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. Funeral services were held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. A spring interment to take place at the Maple Lake United Church, Haliburton, Ontario. (Date and time to be determined).

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST
IRIS (nee Harrison) ABBS
Passed away peacefully at the
Haliburton Hospital with her
family by her side on
Wednesday, February 23, 2005
At the age of 74.

Beloved wife of the late Bryan Abbs. Dear mother of Brad and Cathy, Rob and Vicky, Terri and Dean Curry. Loving Nana of Jaime, Cory, Justin, Brodie, Alyssa, and Kelsey. Dear sister of Yvonne Penney, Norma Rush-ton, and predeceased by Orval, Ken, Richard, June, Winnie, Eileen and Fern. Dear sister-in-law of Claire. Fondly remembered by Mike Hughes, and by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2K0 (1-888) 588-5777 on Saturday from 2-4 and 7-9. Funeral Service was in the Chapel on Sunday, February 27, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. Cremation followed. Memorial donations to Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

GALEA, JOSEPH M. - Peacefully at the Northumberland Hills Hospital in Cobourg on Thursday, February 24th, 2005, Joe Galea at 77 years of age. Loving husband of Mary Galea (nee Grech). Dear father of Toni, Stephen (Carol Lee), and Martin Galea. Cherished grandfather of Kyle, Jennifer, Ryan and Carmen. Brother of Joan, Frank, Lucy, Percy, Antida, and predeceased by his siblings Carmen, Tony and Cina. Beloved uncle of many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's Church (Corner of University Ave. and Division St. in Cobourg) on Monday, February 28th, at 2 p.m. Cremation with later interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation was held at MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 30 King St. E. in Cobourg on Monday, February 28th, from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. Those wishing may make a memorial contribution by cheque to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences received at www.maccoubrey.com

MURDOCK, RUBY PATRICIA (Wiles) - In loving memory of Ruby Patricia (Wiles) Murdock (1911-2005). On Thursday, February 17, 2005 at Hyland Wood Nursing Home, Haliburton in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Murdock of Haliburton. Dear step-sister of Edith (Harvey) Stoddart of London. Predeceased by loving sisters Marion Wimbush (William) Cairnes and Grace (Harold) Langdon, brother Raymond (Madeleine) Wiles and step-sisters Elsie (George) Milburn and Helen (William) Webster. Also affectionately remembered by many nieces and nephews. The family received friends at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ont. (705) 457-9209 on Friday morning, April 29, 2005 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

ST. GERMAIN, RAYMOND (Resident of Haliburton, Ont.) - On Thursday morning, February 24, 2005 in his 66th year. Beloved husband of Elaine Crawford. Loving father of Darren and his wife Susan of Barrie. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Isabelle and Gabrielle. Dear brother of Donald of Toronto and Gille of Sudbury. Also lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario 457-9209 on Saturday afternoon, February 26, 2005 from 2 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 3 o'clock. Interment later St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario would be appreciated by the family.



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Rocky Algonquin style lot w/rugged terraced terrain exposing granite rock cuts on the lot & at the water. South facing. This property is open for all possible options. 113 ft rocky deep water swimming limit. 3 existing bldgs, storage, bunkie & sleeping cabin c/w kitchen. Great camping waiting here for you.

\$159,700



R2000 construction. Framed 900 sq. ft. bldg. 200 ft fringe. Board & batten ext is almost complete w/metal roof & aluminum soffits. Firs are insulated, some exterior barrier around piers, creates a workshop under the cottage. Sleep property, easier access by boat as launch in nearby. Lovely view & nice breeze. Boathouse, water pump & chemical toilet are available, not connected. Septic site is approved.

\$239,000



Ken Barry
457-1011



Deb Deremo
457-1011

HALIBURTON

Tastefully decorated 3 bdrm home with attached garage, on the edge of town. Open concept kitchen, dining, livingroom, stone fireplace with propane insert. Great landscaped location overlooking Grass Lake with a sunset view. Value priced.

\$149,900



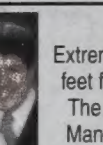
ESSON LAKE WATERFRONT

Open concept 3 bdrm cottage on Esson Lake, tastefully decorated & comes fully furnished ready for your enjoyment. Moderately sloped lot with child friendly rock & sand shoreline, great view of lake. Year round access.

\$219,900



Geoff Bunn
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Miranda Newman
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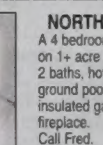
BONHAM LAKE

Extremely private 176 acres with over 1600 feet frontage with a beautiful sand beach. The cottage is full of old country charm. Many possibilities. For more information, call Geoff Bunn & Miranda Newman.

\$699,900



Fred Chapple
286-2911

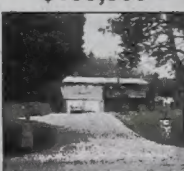


Fred Chapple
286-2911

NORTH SHORE ROAD

A 4 bedroom raised bungalow on 1+ acre lot. Central air & vac, 2 baths, hot tub, 12x24 above ground pool, oversized 2 car insulated garage. Oh! A stone fireplace. Call Fred.

\$199,500



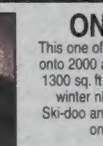
MAIN STREET

Main Street bakery & deli in turn key condition with newer equipment. Currently operated June-September but could be developed into year round operation. This property with an additional lot offer location-location -location-location. Call Fred Chapple.

\$129,900



Victor Disik
286-2911



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ONE MILE OF BACKYARD

This one of a kind property boasts over 400 acres of land backing onto 2000 acres of Crown Land. A three bedroom home with over 1300 sq. ft. of living space on one floor. Granite fireplace for cozy winter nights and air conditioned for sultry summer weather. Ski-doo and ATV trails on the property. Bonus two 2 car garages, one heated for the toys. Only 2 hours to Toronto. Ask for Victor Disik.

Asking \$449,000



Vince Duchene
457-1011



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457-1011

70 ACRES PLUS 140' OF W/F ON KOSHLONG LAKE!

Build for seclusion or to overlook the lake. Fantastic opportunity to have it all and under \$100,000! Call today for more details!



Rick Lowes
286-2911

HALIBURTON VILLAGE

Lovely 4 bedroom home on a level lot. Lots of character. Features include 10 foot ceilings, french doors, fireplace, formal dining room, plus lots more. Call now.

\$159,900



Karen Nimigon
457-1011

MOORE FALLS

4-Season W/F home/cottage! move in and enjoy. main level w/oak flrs, 2 bdrm, mstr w/ensuite & WI closet, lrg LR w/FP, kitchen w/Elmira stove, skylights, wood walls, 3 baths, den, W/O bsmt w/2 bdrms, games+lam rm, 3 lake chain, sandy beach area, snowmobile trails nearby. Call Karen 457-1011 ext. 224.

\$339,900



4-SEASON FUN! Turn key, fully winterized 2 bdrm cottage w/pine walls & floors, open concept kit/DR, large LR w/stone fireplace, 350 sq ft BUNKIE, 170' sand + rock shoreline. 3 lake chain, private nicely treed 1.1 acre lot. Call Karen today @ 457-1011 ext. 224.

\$339,000



Tom & Gail Tempest
286-2911

WATERFRONT LOT

Kashagawigamog Lake - Panoramic view of one of Haliburton's prime lakes. Almost 2 acres of pristine woods. Driveway in. Building site cleared. Elevated & sloping lot with 117 feet of shoreline. Priced to sell!

\$189,000

PRIVACY PLUS

This home boasts 1400 sq ft of main floor living space w/a full unfinished w/o basement. Situated on 100 acres, no road noise, wildlife galore & beautiful surroundings. Well built raised bungalow. Hardwood & ceramic floors. Wrap around 3 sided porch. Call for all the details today.

\$295,000

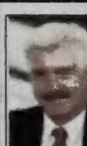


Elizabeth Thompson
457-1011

LAKE VIEW COUNTRY HOME

Spacious! Spotless! Secluded! 4 bdrm brick & cedar Vicory-2500 sq ft in area of fine homes. Ideal for entertaining. Watch the sunsets over the lake from sunken fam rm & solarium kit. Formal LR/DR, fr doors, cath cells, cent air, cent vac, new roof in 2004. Close to Haliburton Village...Call Elizabeth.

\$299,900



Ted Vasey
457-1011

HALIBURTON EMMERSON COURT

Outstanding executive home with features that include spacious living rm with fireplace, sun porch, dining rm, FP in family rm, MBR ensuite, 4 bedrooms, oak floors, attached garage, beautiful view over Head Lake, access & dock at lake, a must see!

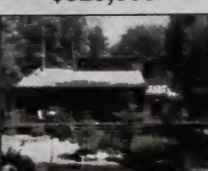
\$399,900



3 LAKE CHAIN

Miles of boating on Redstone Lake. Spotless custom-built cedar home/cottage, open bright kitchen with island & dining area, w/o living rm w/cathedral ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 24'x28' finished garage & open finished loft, very private setting, sand shoreline.

\$329,000



Melanie Vigras
286-2911

I've just returned from the Cottage Fest Show and have buyers looking for cottages. Call me today if you're thinking of selling.

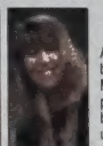
MINDEN LAKE

Enjoy sunny summer days at this 5 bdrm cottage only 5 minutes from Minden & a quick paddle up the lakes to the rapids at the Minden Wild Water Reserve. Features of this cottage incl: fireplace w/insert, wraparound deck, large dock, sandy shoreline & SE exposure, call Melanie for a personal tour.

\$219,000



Lenor Fulton
286-2911

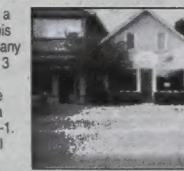


Tracy Ackerblade
286-2911

MAIN STREET MINDEN

Are you looking to start a business in Minden? This Main St. location has many possibilities. It boasts a 3 bedroom apartment upstairs with a separate entrance. This cute as a button store is zoned C-1. Look no further and call Tracy or Lenor.

\$173,000



WATERFRONT ACREAGE

Enjoy the sunsets over your own lake. This property features approx. 1500' of shoreline & the land is lightly treed. Situated close to the Town of Minden, this spot is the perfect place for your private retreat. Call Tracy Ackerblade or Lenor Fulton.

\$79,000



Julie Gray



Julie Gray

WENONA LAKE ROAD

This charming & immaculate, 3 BR, well insulated, chalet has freshly painted int. walls, sanded pine floors, new carpeting & underlaid, new appliances, new rear porch & 2 BR w/w/o decks. Cozy up by the airtight in the winter or wander over to the deeded access lot for a swim in the summer in the lake. 15 min from town. It's a winner!

\$129,900



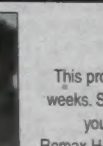
REDSTONE LAKE

Spectacular architecturally designed cottage/home dominating the Redstone sand beach. 4500 sq ft w/2500 ft beach front on 2 deep, level serviced lots, incl add'l bldg site, on paved municipal rd. Huge rooms w/massive see through granite FP on both levels, 6 BR, & 4 baths. Features incl. geothermal heating/AC system.

\$1,250,000



Bill Kulas



Bill Kulas

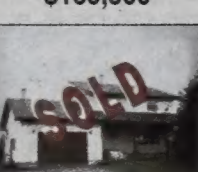
SOLD

This property was recently listed & within a few short weeks. So if you're thinking of SELLING! Bill is the one you should be TELLING! Call BILL KULAS Remax Haliburton Highland, top producer for 2004 today! at 286-2911 or 1-800-567-1985 ext. #44 for a free market evaluation. (not intended to solicit properties presently listed)

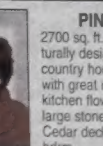
HALIBURTON TOM BOLTON ROAD

This 3 BR open concept home is situated on a picturesque country setting only minutes from Haliburton. Featuring a spacious, separate dining rm, main fl office/den, full w/o basement, att garage & economical wood/oil furnace. Vendor's relocating.

\$169,500



Linda Beachli
457-1011



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PINE STREET

2700 sq. ft., 4 bdrm., architecturally designed, timber sided country home. Open concept with great room, dining room & kitchen flowing around the large stone 2 storey fireplace. Cedar deck balcony off upstairs bdrm.

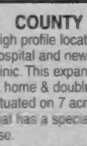
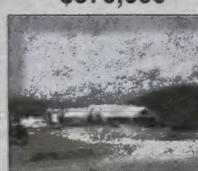
\$469,000



HWY #118

This property is situated on 6.7 acres on Hwy. 118. The 9834 sq. ft. building consists of 6213 sq. ft. for parts & service, a 2116 sq. ft. mezzanine, a 3 bdrm apt. and a large parking lot.

\$579,000

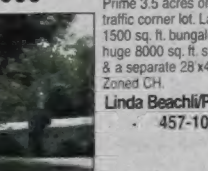


Linda Beachli
457-1011

COUNTY ROAD 1

High profile location opposite hospital and new medical clinic. This expansive 1400 sq. ft. home & double car garage is situated on 7 acres of property that has a special mixed zoning use.

\$400,000



COMMERCIAL

Prime 3.5 acres on a high traffic corner lot. Large bright 1500 sq. ft. bungalow with a huge 8000 sq. ft. storage barn & a separate 28 x 40 garage. Zoned CH.

\$359,000



Peter Brady
457-1011